

Allen Ginder, Retired Colonel, Dies

Allen W. Ginder, 68, a retired Army colonel and decorated combat veteran of World War II who later spent 22 years with the Central Intelligence Agency before retiring a second time in 1973, died of a liver ailment Sunday at Walter Reed Hospital.

Col. Ginder was a 1939 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. During World War II he was an officer in the famed Screaming Eagles, the 101st Airborne Division. He participated in the Normandy invasion and was wounded during Operation Market Garden in September 1944.

He later served as assistant to the then-superintendent of West Point, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who had commanded the 101st Airborne during part of the war, before retiring from active duty as a colonel in 1948. His decorations included the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

Col. Ginder spent a short time as an executive with IBM before coming to Washington and joining the CIA's operations directorate in 1951.

He was a founder and past-president of the Central Intelligence Retirees Association and was editor of the organization's newsletter.

He was a native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Falls Church.

His wife, the former Ruth Paulsen, died in November 1980. Col. Ginder's survivors include four sons: Allen Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.; Peter of Anchorage, Alaska; Lawrence of Fort Eustace, Va., and Mark of Tallahassee, Fla.; a daughter, Judith Ann Shedd of Atlanta and six grandchildren.



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